

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Jeff Duncan and David Daniels present.

Mr. Duncan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners’ office and are available for review upon request.

NOTE Brad Rodes, Julie Bolender, Tammy Dennis, Mark Current, Daniel Alfaro, Tim Dettwiller, Jacob Clary, and Caitlin Forsha were present for the meeting.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to approve payment of Bill File No. 22-43. The total bill file amount paid was \$280,539.02. The total General Fund paid was \$78,646.26 The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 22-184 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners, along with the City of Hillsboro and the Village of Greenfield, jointly adopt a single environmental review completed by the PY2022 CHIP Administrator. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 22-185 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners requests a transfer from PA Grant to 2050 Public Assistance in the amount of \$66,372.00 for TANF County Share for 2023. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 22-186 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners authorize Counsel to enter a joint stipulation and recommendation relative to the Palomino Solar, LLC Project. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 22-187 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners declare the listed item (Kelvinator Refrigerator) from Probation to be surplus property and no longer needed by the county. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 22-188 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the Children Services Fund from Reimbursement to Foster Care in the amount of \$350,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 22-189 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the Prosecutors DETAC budget from Other Expense to Salary in the amount of \$5,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

CONTRACTS

#89 Commissioners, DSS2 Architects, LLC, Wilson Buildings – Change Order #1 New Animal Shelter
#90 Commissioners, Engineer, D.G.M. Inc.- Change Order #1 HIG CR Various Structure Replacements
#91 Commissioners, Ohio Department of Development – PY 2022 Community Development Program Grant Agreement

#92 Commissioners, Greystone Systems – Standard Fire Alarm Agreement, Administration Building
#93 Commissioners, Greystone Systems – Standard Fire Alarm Agreement, Hi- TEC Center
#94 Commissioners, Greystone Systems – Standard Fire Alarm Agreement, Court House

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve the above contracts as submitted. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea.

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

SH Land Resources - Gravity Sanitary Sewer Easement

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan to authorize President Duncan to execute the SH Land Resources Sewer Easement. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea.

APPROVALS

Highland County EMA – Promulgation Statement

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve the promulgation statement for EMA Director Dave Bushelman. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Duncan said that Environmental Engineering Services were recommending an increase of sewer rates that are substantial, but necessary. Commissioner Daniels said these rate increases are needed as it has been many years since one was done and because the two facilities are not going to be able to be self-sufficient without the raise. Commissioner Daniels said this would raise Rolling Acres to \$50.00/month at a 38% increase and Lakeside to \$48.00/month at a 20% increase.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels to raise Rolling Acres to \$50.00 per month and Lakeside to \$48.00 per month. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea

Commissioner Daniels said that Rocky Fork Lake will be looked at after the first of the year once they have one year of history from disconnecting sewer bills.

Commissioner Duncan introduced Tim Dettwiller, ACCES Director and explained that the county is in support of the program and thanked him for all his help in getting this program up and running.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve \$30,000.00 towards the ACCES Program. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea

Julie Bolender thanked everyone for their contribution and support and said this shows great support for the county on many levels.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Tammy Dennis, Daniel Alfaro, Jacob Clary, Caitlin Forsha

Commissioner Duncan announced that National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is coming up. Mrs. Tammy Denise, Highland County Homeless Shelter Director, said that currently the shelter has 150 individuals, and that the county has been having to send people out of the county because of a lack of housing in Highland County. Mrs. Denise said that most clients stay for the maximum total of 90 days. Commissioner Duncan then read a proclamation.

9:15 a.m. – Judge Coss

Judge Coss, Daniel Alfaro, Jacob Clary, Caitlin Forsha

The Honorable Judge Coss came in with a proposal from JAVS for a new recording software. The current software that they have will be going obsolete on January 1st. Judge presented a quote that totaled \$10,826.98 in which he said was not in his budget. Commissioners said they would discuss this and decide next week.

9:30 a.m. – Sheriff Donnie Barrera

Sheriff Barrera, Daniel Alfaro, Jacob Clary, Caitlin Forsha

Sheriff Barrera came in to present a quote and inform the Commissioners that the twenty-year-old machines that were at the Justice Center were going bad and may need replaced. The washer currently is down and needs repaired, so the parts are on order for that. The new machines total \$26,666.00. Also presented was a quote for two new vehicles. They are 2023 Dodge Durango's and the total price for that was \$82,630.00. Commissioner Duncan said that they would talk about these purchases and then decide next week.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Pastor Bill Bowman and New Life Church & Ministry

Commissioner Duncan announced that a local minister is looking at another service industry to take over his current ministry. Previously the county was able to support this ministry financially and appreciate the great work they do in the county.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan to sign the Letter of Support. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea

RECESS: 9:40 a.m. / RECONVENE: 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION: Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan to enter executive session **ROLL CALL: Mr. Duncan; yea and Mr. Daniels, yea.** *Entered: 10:00 a.m. / Exited: 10:12 a.m.*

No action was taken during this session.


CORRESPONDENCE

- 11/4/2022 – Cierra Moore, Update
- 11/3/2022 – Highland County Historical Society – Merry Mercantile Christmas Shop
- 11/1/2022 – South Central Power Company – Learn about Broadband Project at Our Member Meeting on Nov.7
- 11/2/2022 – Melinda Witten – Meet Request with Ohio Farm Bureau AgriPOWER Class-Dec 17

REPORTS

- Dog Pound Count Log – 10/30/2022 – 11/4/2022*
- Dog Pound Call Log – 10/28/2022 – 11/6/2022*


Meeting Adjourned at 10:12 a.m.




Jeff Duncan



Board of County Commissioners



Clerk
Highland County, Ohio



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